

Poker takes the last dollar of Burt Morgan's salary. and he rides away to search for a new job.

Later, his horse is frightened by a piece of rope laying in the trail. The horse bolts and Burt is rendered unconscious. The dog (Burt's) runs to an old Indian's shack and barks in such a manner that the Indian, sensing that the dog belongs to some enemy, shoots it.

The Indian later finds Burt, restores him to consciousness, and is finally forgiven by the angered Burt. The Indian gives him a bag of nuggets as a token of sorrow and friendship, and disappears.

Burt sees a skulking figure (Steve, the heavy's henchman), attack the Indian who is beaten cruelly and a man, supposedly showing location of the hidden treasure, taken from him. Burt springs in and engages in combat with Steve, but is knocked unconscious by him, the heavy, who had been watching from the side. The Indian, however, sees this, then collapses.

Hal and Steve believe the Indian dead and conceal his body. They find the nuggets on Burt's person, but let him retain them as it will constitute evidence in that they plan to throw suspicion of the Indian on this stranger--Burt.

Burt recovers consciousness and later sees a fleeing man--Sally, with its saddle dragging, who takes the man--Sally.

He is the owner of the Burt's ranch, and recovers and he promises to see her home, although he has to fight two ranch hands in order to keep his promise.

The heavy is foreman of Sally's ranch, and is in love with her himself. Sally returns home with Burt, and she tells the foreman to give Burt a job. This adds to his determination to get rid of Burt, for it brings forth furious jealousy in Hal's heart.

The next morning Hal assigns Burt to some lowly task, but Sally overhears and saves the situation by requesting that Burt ride with her on an errand. This also inflames the jealousy in Hal's breast.

While Burt and Sally are out riding, he tells her all that happened on the trail regarding the fight over the Indian. From his description she recognizes the villain as Steve. They hide the nuggets for the time being and decide to remain silent until they investigate more about the disappearance of the Indian.

Meanwhile Hal secretly instructs Steve to destroy the Indian's shack to suggest that some one has searched for his gold, also to lend weight to suggestion of foul play. This Steve does.

Then Hal casually visits the sheriff's office and plants suspicion with the sheriff. He informs the sheriff that it is known that Burt carries a bag of nuggets. The sheriff takes a deputy and investigates. They find the shack in ruins.. This prompts the sheriff to take action of arrest.

A race between the ranch hands is to take place on the morrow at the Bar-B ranch. It is Sally, enthusiastic request, that Burt ride his own horse and win; and to this he gives his promise.

Just as the race is about to begin, the sheriff and deputies arrive and interrupt by searching Burt. But the sheriff is foiled for the moment, for there is no damning evidence on Burt's person. Sally and Burt both defy the sheriff to name the informant. Sally calls for the riders to get ready and fires the shot that starts them on their way. This takes place so quickly that the sheriff is taken unawares and sees Burt disappear with the rest of the racers.

The sheriff accuses Sally of interfering with an arrest, but she, after considerably hesitating, declares that when Steve is found, then she will do anything that might clear up the matter. Hal overhears this and his cowardly heart is filled with fear; for he knows that if Sally knows this much, she probably knows more.

To play safe--in that up to this time no one has suspected him of complicity in the killing--he agrees with Sally's suggestion.

Meanwhile, while the race is going on, Rusty, another henchman of the foreman's, tries to do dirty work in order to put Burt out of commission; but Burt is more than equal to the task. The race continues.

Hal sees his chance and slips away after hearing the sheriff declare it is his intention to arrest both Burt and Steve and make sure of the matter. Hal locates and warns Steve that, in order to escape being suspected of the killing, their only safety lies in "Silencing" both Sally and Burt.

Burt wins the race, but, instead of stopping for the sheriff to arrest him, he takes advantage of Sally's tip, continues riding and at length hides for the time being at Sally's trysting place.

Sally attempts to join Burt, but is seen by Steve and Hal who give chase. Burt intercepts the two, engages them in a hard fight, which is seen by Sally, who fires her revolver and turns to help Burt.

The two villains, knowing she is armed, seek safety in flight. Sally urges Burt to go back and try to assist the sheriff instead of interfering with his plans of justice; and this they start to do.


It is the intention of Hal and Steve then to go to get the gold, divide it, and then hit for the border. But waiting with the patience of a dying Indian, the old character is lying and watching. For the Indian has carried purposely a decoy map that means death to whoever follows its instructions.

The Indian watches and while Hal and Steve investigate the cave, the "supposedly hiding place" of the gold, there is a terrific explosion and both Hal and Steve are killed.

This explosion is heard by the posse, and also by Burt and Sally. All investigate and arrive in time for the Indian to confess about the decoy map, tell about the attack on the trail, and clear Burt. Then the Indian dies.

The sheriff suggests the best thing to do under the circumstances is for Burt to take Sally to the Justice of the Peace.

As to this Sally consents; and all ends happily.



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